

Column One
By
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Hopes Waning For Cease-Fire

GENERAL Dwight Eisenhower has been formally appointed Supreme Commander of the forces of the Atlantic Alliance. The Americans have a right to the command and General Eisenhower to the honor. What it will amount to in effective armed services there is no telling at the moment, and the size of the Atlantic Army will depend, for the immediate future, on the turn of events in the Far East. The whole effective armed strength of the United States, except for the two divisions in Germany, has been crammed into a remote Asiatic peninsula and it is anybody's guess when it will get away or where it will go to from there. The potential armed strength is, of course, gigantic, and it is the stated policy of America to make it speedily effective on the basis of European priority. Naturally, this assumes American initiative, which may become difficult to hold if the Far East does not answer to the pressure of negotiation.

THE Atlantic leaders, who have come together in Brussels, have already reached a compromise agreement on the form their unified defence system should take. It will be a long time before we shall be able to reckon this system in terms of trained men and up-to-date armaments. The time has passed when a "containment" force, on the Korean model, will serve. The process of specific "containment" can easily lead to precisely the same perils as it did in Korea, and to precisely the same disaster, and no flag-wagging or exercises in punitive pedagogy will be of the slightest use unless backed by armies and armaments capable of going on logically to world war. America's two-fold foreign policy of "military containment of Communism" and "negotiation only from positions of strength," which has been accepted, although with some misgivings, by the other Atlantic powers, can only be made to work if the positions of strength are overwhelming. From all accounts they are not, and cannot be made so for at least a year.

ONE purpose of the present meeting in Brussels is to get the mobilization of an Atlantic army started. The Americans obviously hope to find a way around French objections and, within the year, gather as much available German manpower into the Allied force as they can lay hands on. The compromise accepted by France and agreed to by the United States with the object of breaking a dangerous deadlock, cannot be satisfactory to the Germans and is not, therefore, likely to result in any docking of German manpower to the unequal forces of the Atlantic army. Even as the compromise stands, the French are divided about it, and many of them, including Guy Mollet and the Minister of Defence himself, M. Moch, regard the proposed goose-step towards a revived German general staff and a war-march on Koenigsberg under some pretext fitted into the phraseology of Korea. The argument is good, but no one can fairly expect the Americans to make up for the lack of German manpower the only substantial European source—with Americans.

IN Britain, among Labour circles at any rate, the disillusion is hardly less than it is in France. It seems to be the view of many Socialist backbenchers that Russia will always be able to avoid an outright war and that what one commentator calls "panic rearmament," instead of providing that "position of strength" from which Mr. Acheson is willing to negotiate, will impose on Western economy such social and economic strains that in the struggle against Communism the West will be forced to play from a steadily deteriorating position. The failure of military strength alone to "contain" Communism has been demonstrated in the Far East. Military strength—so goes the argument of the Bevan school—at the cost of social warfare in Europe, and especially in France and Italy, must lead either to a big increase in Communism's effective strength, or to the very thing France fears—German industrial and military hegemony on the Continent. There is a third alternative, which many people would like to see now and that is immediate war. With what forces? The American General Staff itself no longer pretends that the atom bomb is force enough.

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday (Reuters).—The U.N. cease-fire committee is understood to have little hope now of succeeding in its mission to stop the fighting in Korea.

The group is known to have been unofficially informed by the Peking government that it was considering an "illegal body" because of its terms of reference. The main objection raised by the Peking representatives was that the committee was limited to discussion of a cease-fire without authority to deal with other Asian questions which the Chinese Communists considered inseparable from this subject.

These questions were the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea, Chinese Communist membership in the U.N. and withdrawal of U.S. support for Chinese Nationalists in Formosa.

Education Budget Passed by Knesset

The Knesset yesterday adopted an education budget of 4,478,500 for the fiscal year ending in three and a half months.

This sum is 11,603,500 greater than the provisional amount included in the Annual Budget earlier this year. The total budget is thus increased to 11,603,500.

Actually, however, the final figure will be still higher. Actual proceeds from income tax is expected to exceed the anticipated revenue by 11.2m. Of this sum, 11,600,000 was earmarked by the Knesset to cover part of the higher education appropriation. The rest will be appropriated later, mostly for security but also for social welfare.

The details of the Education budget had not been adopted when the Annual Budget was adopted earlier in the year because the Ministry of Education had not produced its estimates. There was little interest in the matter yesterday but nevertheless it took almost all of two sessions to obtain passage. There were a host of minority motions by Mapam, Herut and General Zionist representatives, mostly of a demonstrative nature. None of them passed.

Araba Survey Team Confronted With Unexpected Problems

By S. Shapiro, POST Military Correspondent
TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The Israel-Jordan survey mission in Wadi Araba will remain for four or five days more, it was learned here today.

The Israelis and Captain Albert Boutelle, the U.N. Observer, spent the night in the Bir el Milhan camp, and the Jordanians at the Gharadinal police post, accompanied by Captain Frederic Jourdan. They had met in the morning at Kilo 78 on the Elath Road. There were no reports today about the work was proceeding. When newsmen left the scene of the recent incident, after the first meeting yesterday afternoon, the two missions were still not agreed as to the exact terms of reference of the surveyors.

Unexpected Problems
The M.A.C. decision to survey the area for the lowest points in Wadi Araba, in order to ascertain the exact position of the frontier as indicated in the 1,100,000 map, presented unexpected problems. The main one was whether the line, which appears on the map, had been arbitrarily drawn by the cartographers without an exact survey of the area. This point cannot be settled by the surveyors. To cover all possible ground, the survey may take longer than expected.

The two key men in the survey group are Dr. W. Stern, the Deputy Director of the Hydrographic Department of the Ministry of Labour, and Mr. Gordon Walpole, the British Director of Planning of the Jordan Government. The military members of the M.A.C. refer to them as "the two geographers." They are each aided by two surveyors.

Friends Manner

The discussions yesterday were conducted in a friendly manner. The new March Threat
Arab refugees in Syria and the Lebanon will march into Israel on January 2, a meeting of refugees in the two countries has been declared, according to Baghdad Radio. The responsibility for the march lies with the U.N. which has "failed to find a solution for the refugee problem," it was said.

Originally, a number of delegations had hoped that a committee could be allowed to discuss all these problems in a related manner.

But the U.S. and other delegations opposed this move, insisting that a cease-fire must be put into effect before any negotiations could start on broader issues.

Highly placed delegates here consider that the matter now seems to have reached a complete deadlock. A member of the three-man committee who preferred to remain unidentified, expressed great surprise yesterday whether any progress would be made by his group.

Some circles here thought that the group were kept in attendance, thus maintaining a nominal "open door" to Peking. China might be less anxious to launch an all-out offensive in Korea.

If such an offensive were staged during the cease-fire efforts, the Chinese Communist government would demonstrate conclusively that it had no intention of negotiating a peaceful settlement of any kind, these circles considered.

Committee Split On Judges' Salaries

The Finance Committee yesterday again failed to reach a decision on the question of salaries for the judiciary.

The parties to the right of Mapai wished to make Supreme Court judges' salaries equal to those of Cabinet ministers. Thus the President of the Supreme Court would get 11.175 per month plus a tax-free allowance of 11.100. His colleagues would receive 11.150 plus an allowance of 11.75. Salaries of District Court judges would be in the neighbourhood of 11.150 and of Magistrates approximately 11.110.

Union Scale

Mapam maintain that the ministerial salaries had not been fixed by the Knesset and therefore should not serve as a basis. Moreover, they would be reducing ministers' salaries. Mapam proposed a scale based on family allowances, annual increments and similar trade union practices. According to these proposals, the maximum salary which would accrue to a Supreme Court President would be 11.125 per month plus a tax-free allowance of 11.00.

Mapam were more generous with respect to judges in the lower courts and the gap here was not as wide. Mapai appeared still undecided yesterday. A faction headed by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, who advocates lower salaries than those proposed by the Right parties.

Ben Gurion Back Home After Rest

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who left the country nearly three weeks ago "to have a real rest," returned home at 3.30 this afternoon. This time there was no secrecy about his movements, and scores of people welcomed him at the airport.

Mr. Ben Gurion brushed aside all rumours of secret meetings with British and other foreign diplomats and Government representatives. "It is really funny that you should not believe it," he said good humouredly in the Airport restaurant.

Flesh and Blood

"Even a Prime Minister is made of flesh and blood, and has a right to rest. I assure you I wanted to remain right here in Israel, but they wouldn't let me rest here."

His departure for Athens in an El Al plane on November 29 was kept secret only "for security reasons," he said. Mr. Ben Gurion boarded the homeward-bound El Al Skymaster at Nice early this morning after having spent a few days at nearby Beaulieu, a quiet Riviera resort. The plane, from London, had flown off its route to take Mr. R.H.S. Crossman, member of the British Parliament, who with his wife arrived in the same plane to spend their Christmas holiday with President and Mrs. Weizmann. said he had not expected that the Prime Minister would be aboard the plane.

Politics at Four a.m.

"I must pay tribute to him for being able to talk high politics even at four o'clock in the morning," Mr. Crossman said. He would not elaborate.

Beachhead At Hungnam Slowly Shrinking

TOKYO, Tuesday (AP).—Allied naval, air, and ground forces today slammed tons of steel at the Chinese and Korean Communists pressing down on the slim Hungnam beachhead in northeast Korea.

The Allies are slowly giving ground with their backs to the sea. Some idea of the shrinking size of the perimeter could be gained from the fact that nearly all enemy attacks are viable from Hungnam.

Soldiers and sailors on the beachhead could see plainly airmen firing rockets or dropping bombs into the hilly mass to the east which extends into the sea and forms one arm of the harbour there.

Most officers in Hungnam believe the Communists will strike from the east if they decide to move in strength against the U.N. perimeter. The land there is hilly and rough and would afford the Communists good cover for the type of small arms and mortar war they have been fighting so far.

West of Hungnam, the ground is flat and could be well covered by American flat trajectory weapons, artillery, naval gunfire and air power.

A delayed field dispatch said the U.S. Air Force abandoned Onzo airport, Hungnam's major airport, Sunday. The dispatch had been withheld for security reasons. Army engineers destroyed supplies and disabled aircraft that had to be left.

North Koreans troops today showed their biggest strength yet around the beachhead. An American 10th Corps intelligence officer said advance combat elements of three wholly reorganized North Korean divisions had replaced Chinese Communists on the right flank of the beachhead. The Communists had 7,000 to 8,000 men. Allied firepower is credited with blasting all Communist attempts to mount a major attack against the beachhead.

The North Korean buildup on the east flank brought determined punches against the section as the Allied line. A field dispatch said the Communists may be trying to capture the high ground looking down on Hungnam's busy port.

Allied warships of Hungnam port pounded 37 concentrations of Chinese and Korean Communists. The big naval guns dumped one column with heavy casualties.

The board said it granted the leave on the understanding the General would resume the presidency "immediately upon his military release."

(Reuters, AP)

'Times' Says J'lem Problem Unchanged

LONDON, Tuesday.—The "New York Times," summing up the work of the U.N. General Assembly on the Jerusalem problem during the session just ended, concluded that "nothing is changed."

It said that the "New City" of Jerusalem will continue to form part of Israel, a state to which by every reasonable criterion it belongs; and the Old City of Jerusalem will continue as part of Jordan, which promises to protect its sacred sites in the future as it has in the past.

"Eventually, some form of international supervision might well be exercised over the Holy Places as a mark of international interest and responsibility. But meanwhile, there is no reason to fear they will be damaged or violated by either of the governments in de facto control."

Negotiations At Blackwell's

Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) has submitted a motion to the Knesset for a full-dress debate on "negotiations by the Prime Minister to associate Israel with a pact of aggressor nations."

3 Powers Agree to Meet Russia; Eisenhower Begins Next Month

Truman Officially Appoints General

BRUSSELS, Tuesday.—General Dwight Eisenhower was approved as Supreme Commander of the new international forces in Europe today by the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The Council's communiqué announced that the General will begin organizing a European army early in 1951.

General Eisenhower said today in St. Louis, Missouri, he planned to leave for Europe around January 1 to lay the groundwork for his new post.

He said he would take with him Lieutenant-General Alfred M. Gruenther, deputy for plans and operations of the U.S. army, who will be General Eisenhower's chief of staff in his new assignment.

The appointment was made by President Truman, on the suggestion of the 12 Foreign Ministers who make up the North Atlantic Pact Council—and of practically everyone else connected with Western defence affairs.

Exchange of Telegrams

The move was disclosed in an exchange of telegrams between the President and Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who is in Brussels for the Atlantic Council meeting.

The President said that "General Eisenhower's experience and talents made him uniquely qualified to assume the important responsibilities of this position."

General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in World War II and now president of Columbia University in New York, is expected to fly to Europe to establish a temporary H.Q. in Paris before finding a permanent location in France.

As soon as General Eisenhower signifies that he is ready to assume the actual command, all U.S., British, French and other North Atlantic pact power forces on the continent will be placed under him.

During his inspection tour, General Eisenhower is expected to review the efficiency of troops in Germany and examine at first-hand the morale, training methods, equipment, requirements, and rearmament efforts of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway, Italy, and Portugal.

It was in December, 1943, that General Eisenhower was called upon to command the Allied expeditionary force preparing for the liberation of Europe. He was still a colonel ten years ago.

He was named first by Mrs. Ben Gurion and their daughter, Rana.

In Jerusalem Today

Others present were: Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications; Mr. B. Shitreet, Minister of Police; Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin, Chief of the General Staff; Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Z. Shafar, Secretary to the Government; Mr. Y. Salav, Inspector-General of Police; Mr. Ben-Zion Shiloah, Special Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; and Mr. Gershon Agron, Director of the Information Service.

Half an hour after the plane touched down, the Ben Gurion party, accompanied by Sgan-Aloof Helman Argov, his military aide, left for their Tel Aviv residence.

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister will return to Jerusalem for the weekly Cabinet meeting which will be convened in the afternoon.

Mr. Ben Gurion was accompanied abroad by Mr. Ehud Avriel, Israel Minister to Buenos Aires, and Mr. Elhanan Gali, his private secretary, who returned with him. Mr. Crossman last visited Israel two years ago. He will write features for "The New Statesman and Nation" and the "Sunday Pictorial." He also visits Jordan, and will spend Christmas Eve in Bethlehem. Mr. Ian Mikardo, another Labour member who was also expected today, is due to arrive on Thursday.

West Defence Production Board to be Created

BRUSSELS, Tuesday.—The Atlantic Pact chiefs have agreed on plans for German participation in "an integrated force under a centralized command," a communiqué issued at the end of a two-day conference said.

The communiqué said that the "German participation would strengthen the defence of Europe."

It emphasized that all the plans agreed on by the Atlantic pact powers were designed for purely defensive purposes.

The 12 Foreign Ministers asked the U.S., Britain and France, as occupying powers, to "initiate" talks with the Bonn Government on the question of getting the Germans into the West's international force.

Another High Command
The Council also agreed to set up a form of high command—officially called a defence production board—to expand and speed up arms manufacture.

In doing so, they were accepting a recommendation made to them by their 12 defence ministers, who met yesterday.

Mr. William L. Blair, who headed America's War Production Board during the war and is now Chief of the Marshall Plan Mission to London, is reported to be the most likely candidate for the post of head of the new D.P.B. in steering all necessary materials into essential defence industries and to prevent any bottlenecks due to shortages.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson told the Ministers that there would be a statement from Washington soon putting the U.S. forces now in Germany under General Eisenhower's command as a two-division nucleus of the international force. He said: "It is essential that all nations party to the Atlantic Pact put the forces now in Germany under General Eisenhower's command as a two-division nucleus of the international force. He said: "It is essential that all nations party to the Atlantic Pact put the forces now in Germany under General Eisenhower's command as a two-division nucleus of the international force. He said: "It is essential that all nations party to the Atlantic Pact put the forces now in Germany under General Eisenhower's command as a two-division nucleus of the international force."

Schumacher's Party To Reject Decisions

HANOVER, Tuesday, (Reuters).—Dr. Kurt Schumacher, West German Social Democrat leader, said tonight his party would reject the Brussels decisions as long as the Allies failed to provide sufficient Allied troops to protect West Germany.

The Allies must show understanding—in return for German good will, Dr. Schumacher said.

"I would warn against the attitude of the federal government and against taking its decisions for the opinion of the German people," he added.

"We have the courage to say 'no' now. We will also have the courage to say 'yes' if conditions change."

"We want no national army, but we accept an international army only if the others also no longer have national armies. One cannot defend peace with men who are only half free."

20 Die in India Crash; U.S. Transport Missing

BANGALORE, Tuesday (Reuters).—All passengers and four crew of the missing Air India Dakota were found dead tonight.

The plane disappeared over the Nilgiri hills on Wednesday on a flight from Madras to Trivandrum, Southern India.

Meanwhile an American air force transport plane, with 36 people on board, was reported missing today between Okinawa and the Philippines.

Gov't Workers Ask Talk with Kaplan

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The Committee of the Government Employees Association decided here tonight by a Mapai majority against Mapam to ask for a meeting with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan in Jerusalem tomorrow afternoon to try to solve outstanding questions. Tentatively, the strike threatened for Thursday still stands.

At a meeting with representatives of the Committee today, Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, asked the union to postpone its threatened strike until Thursday, December 28.

Twenty thousand workers would be affected.

Accord with German Gov't to be Explored

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (AP).—The Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the U.S. were reported to have agreed tonight to meet Russia for Big Four talks.

The Ministers also discussed an approach to Western Germany to take part in Western rearmament with the help of their three High Commissioners for Germany, who first had a meeting among themselves this morning.

They issued a communiqué which said that they have authorized their respective High Commissioners, in discussions with the Government of the Federal German Republic, to further explore this problem on the basis of the Council's proposals, and any changes in the present occupation arrangements which might logically attend a German defence contribution.

According to reliable sources, the three would give final approval to the parallel notes to be sent by Britain, France and the U.S. in reply to last week's Russian protest against rearming the Germans.

The Atlantic Council, which ended its meeting shortly before the Big Three began, gave no indication that the Russian threat would slow the job.

Truman Refuses to Dismiss Acheson

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—President Truman said today, "I refuse to dismiss Secretary of State Dean Acheson. He made this statement at a press conference when asked about demands from Republicans in Congress for him to dismiss his top-ranking Cabinet officer."

The President said that if Communism were to prevail, Mr. Acheson would be one of the first, if not the first, man to be shot by the enemies of liberty and Christianity.

The President took the unusual step of reading a lengthy statement to his press conference at dictation speed, pointing out how Mr. Acheson had consistently been an enemy of Communism for years and how Communism would be served by his dismissal.

Same As MacArthur

Referring to the Brussels decision, President Truman said that General Eisenhower would be commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in Europe in exactly the same position as General Douglas MacArthur, the commander-in-chief of Allied forces in the Far East.

Mr. Truman made it clear that he was referring to General MacArthur's command over the Allies of World War II and not his position as the U.N. Commander in Korea.

He said that additional forces would be sent to Europe as part of the new North Atlantic Army as soon as it was possible to get them ready.

The President also said that General George Marshall, American Secretary of Defence, would continue in his present office, when questioned about a press report that the General was likely to step down from his Cabinet post early next year because of ill health.

The report, published in the "New York Times," said that Mr. Stuart Symington, chairman of the national security resources board, might be appointed to the defence post.

(AP, Reuters)

French Abandon Another Outpost

SAIGON, Tuesday (UP).—French forces today abandoned to the Communist-led Vietnamese forces another outpost guarding the strategic defence bastion of the Chinese frontier.

French military headquarters announced the evacuation of the outpost, which defended Dinhlap, 120 kms. north-east of Hanoi, had been carried out without fighting.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

America intends to HR the has an experts to Communist countries sufficiently to allow shipment of goods to Hong Kong and Hanoi for "minimum essential civilian requirements." A U.S. Commerce Department spokesman told Reuters yesterday.

THE FEDERATION OF ANSHEI MARMAROSH IN ISRAEL

extend a hearty welcome to

Mr. LOUIS FAX

President of the Federation of Anshei Marmarosh in America

on his arrival in this country.

May his visit inspire him anew and imbue him with refreshed energy for the intensification of the work of the Marmarosh shikun in our land.

Social & Personal

Immigrants Show No Marked Trend at Polls, Analysis Proves

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Yassov Gori, yesterday announced the following appointments: Mr. Alexander Ashkenazi, as head of the Textile and Leather Division; Dr. Z. Levy, as head of the Chemicals and Light Industries Division; and Mr. Alexander Noy, as head of the Construction and Building Materials Subdivision.

Mr. Yassov Gori (Goldin) has been appointed Commercial Attaché of the Israel Legation in Warsaw and is due to leave shortly to take up his post.

Mr. Wayne Swedenburg, former member of the staff of the U.S. Consulate-General in Jerusalem, is visiting the city for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Swedenburg, who was wounded during the siege of Jerusalem in 1948, is attached to the U.S. Embassy in Athens.

Mr. Jakob Wolff, of Tel Aviv, formerly of Frankfurt a.M., is celebrating his 75th birthday today.

Mr. Maurice A. Jaffe, Director of Public Relations of the World Zionist Executive, has returned from a visit to South Africa on behalf of the movement.

Mr. Frank Sharp, Chief Engineer in Israel of H.N. Fraser and Associates (Pty.) Ltd., South African production experts, has left for South Africa on two months' leave.

Mr. Louis Fax, President of the Federation of Anshei Marmarosh in America, has arrived here on a visit. The purpose of his visit is to supervise the housing project for new immigrants of the Marmarosh community, which he initiated, in cooperation with "Mishkanot" of Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Federation of Marmarosh immigrants in Israel, through "Mishkanot Marmarosh," a subsidiary company. The continuation of the project will depend upon the results of his visit. To date, 64 dwellings have been built and allocated near Tel Aviv.

Dr. F. Shinnar, former Economic Counsellor at the Israel Legation in London, will speak on "Anglo-Israel Commercial Relations" at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

Mr. Leonard Ware, Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, will address the Tel Aviv Branch of the Israel-American Friendship League at the Wizo clubroom, Rehov Hayarkon, at 8.30 tomorrow evening.

Kenneth Spencer, the world famous Negro singer (bass), will give a song recital at the Oran Hall in Haifa at 9 o'clock tonight. The programme includes arias, songs and folk songs in English, French, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gelerster will be at home, at 16 Wedgwood Ave., Mt. Carmel, Haifa, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 23, 1950, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Theodor.

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Doyen of Jerusalem Bar Dead at 83

The death took place in Jerusalem yesterday of Mr. Hillel Minkowitch, doyen of the Jerusalem Bar. He was 83. The funeral will leave from his home in Rehov Shimon at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and burial will take place at Sanhedria Cemetery. This deceased was a life-long and active Zionist. Born in Russia, he came to Palestine in 1926. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is a Tel Aviv lawyer, and two daughters. A third daughter, Mrs. Shoshana Stern, was killed during the fight for Jerusalem in January, 1948.

The Hebrew National OPERA

TEL AVIV: Mahimah Tuesday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m. REHOVOT: Both Haam Thursday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Premiere Performances of

Faust

Opera in 5 Acts by Gotthold Freytag. Role & Philippe Conductor: G. Shinnar. Music Designer: Dr. P. Levy. Choir Master: Sh. Kaplan. Ballet Master: G. Pines. Orchest. Master: L. Glickson. Herta.

By Gerd Luft

A precise answer to how the immigrants voted in the recent elections cannot be given, since it is difficult to single out the newcomers' votes in the many areas where they live together with older residents.

An analysis of the results in the districts where immigrants are concentrated may serve as a rough indication of their political leanings.

There is an overall indication that immigrants voted in smaller numbers than the general population. In Haifa, for example, where 70 per cent of the residents voted, only about 50 per cent of the recent immigrants cast ballots. In Jerusalem, 75 per cent of the residents voted, in comparison to 60 per cent immigrant participation.

Of the 7,180 votes cast in new immigrant quarters in Haifa, 38.7 per cent were for Mapai and slightly more for 20 per cent for Mapai. The General Zionists got 9.1 per cent, Herut 8.4 per cent and the Communists 4.8 per cent. The swing to the Left observed in the typical immigrant towns of Ramat and Lydda is not observed in Haifa.

In Jerusalem, this turning in the typical new immigrant sections — Musrara, Lydda, Mevor Hayim, Baka's and the Greek Colony — the Communists could not muster

more than 4 per cent and Mapai 8.8 per cent. Mapai received 24 per cent. Herut 12 per cent, and the General Zionists 7.8 per cent.

The differences among these quarters are marked, however. In Lydda, 71 per cent of the voters turned out, while in Musrara only 47.3 cast ballots. Mapai reached its peak in Lydda with 59 per cent, but received only 25 per cent in Mevor Hayim. In Musrara and Baka's, the Communists got 11 per cent, but did not poll a single vote in Lydda or Mevor Hayim.

Living Conditions

In comparing Haifa and Jerusalem with Ramat and Lydda, "accidents" — a particularly effective party group in one vicinity, for example — can play a vital role. The men and women in their different immigrant quarters are as different as their living conditions.

In Haifa, the majority of the newcomers are housed rather satisfactorily, and are gainfully employed. There are fewer newcomers from Oriental countries here than in other towns.

The results of the elections analysed here are only a slight indication of general trends. This is particularly true in regard to the Oriental communities, which are not only new to the conditions of the country, but also to the entire panoply of elections and all that they imply.

Appeal Against Ministry Lost by Rabbi

The application of a rabbi, who complained that couples married by him could not obtain extra rations allotted to newly-weds as a result of the action of the Minister for Religious Affairs, was rejected by the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

Rabbi Y.M. Morgenfeld Hadasai said that the Ministry for Religious Affairs had sent a letter to the Ministry of Supply advising the latter that it could allot the additional rations only on the basis of a marriage certificate issued by a rabbi included in an approved list. Since he was not included in the list, the certificates made by him were not accepted by the Supply Ministry.

Agudat Israel Rabbi

The applicant stated that he had acted as a rabbi and performed marriage ceremonies for about 15 years. During the Mandate he was not a member of Knesset Israel, since he was a rabbi of the Agudat Israel.

The Court refused his application for a rabbi's list, holding that the Ministry for Religious Affairs was an authorized institution, and that the Ministry of Supply was also made to a 1943 High Court decision in which it was held that only rabbis recognized by Knesset Israel were authorized to act as such.

The Court was composed of Justices Dunsen, Silberg and Baker. Mr. A. Ben Ishai appeared for the applicant.

Rain Added to List of Israel's Shortages; Some Crop Damage

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The lack of rain has damaged certain winter crops in some sectors of the country. It is not yet possible to assess the extent.

According to Mr. A. Kamm, head of the Crops Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, sowing might have to be done afresh in certain areas unless there are extensive rainfalls in the next few days. Where the soil is not rich, the crops might be shorter as a result of this long spell of dryness.

Fodder Affected

Mr. Kamm referred mainly to vetch (forage), wheat and cattle fodder which were sown in October. In certain places, the usually heavy dew at night — which Mr. N. Rosenman, head of the Meteorological Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, said could be measured by rain meters — acted as good irrigators.

In the coastal area between Tel Aviv and Haifa the crops are in a better condition than in the south, parts of Eastern Erez Jezreel and the Judean Hills, Mr. Kamm said. The Arab sectors are not affected; sowing there does not begin until the first heavy rains have fallen.

Not Unusual

According to the weather experts, this dry spell is not unusual. It is one of the country's peculiarities that, during the major parts of December, the weather is warm and dry, but with about the same regularity there are heavy rains at the end of the month.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT

ON TUESDAY

Golden Ocean, S.S. Butter, Tel Aviv, Is. Gen. Cargo, Kadmah, Is. Board Passengers, Columbia, Haifa, U.S. Mules, Kefalonis, Br. Wood, Gavriel, Is. Gen. Cargo, Tefen, P.O. 123, Haifa, Solim, Yug. Compl. Unloading, Alga, Is. Wooden Logs, Britia, S.S. Iron, Richard, Board, Br. Mixed Cargo, Kypros, Br. Mixed Cargo, Cortina, Bulg. Compl. Unloading, San Michele, Is. Gen. Cargo, Socio, Hond. Compl. Unloading, ANCHORED IN HAIFA BAY

DEPARTURES IN NEXT 24 HRS.

Dalaland, Swedish, Turkish, Ibbal, Italian, Goussage, Croat, North Sky, U.S., Kana, British, Date Ships, 19 St. Anthony, Gen. Cargo, Machines, Iron, Ralls, Bagged Cargo, 19 Exermon, Oil Pipes, Machines, Art Gallery, 19 Macphail, Potatoes, Household Effects, 21 Tissa, P.O. General Cargo, 21 Rice, Wood, 21 Transilvania, Immigrants, Immigrants, 22 Georgian, Wheat, 22 Paul, Rev. Wood, Iron, Gen. Cargo, 23 General, Phosphates, 23 Rev. Rev. Phosphates

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Knitted Underwear Up in Price

The prices of knitted undergarments will be increased by about 11 per cent owing to the rise in prices of the raw materials, the Ministry of Trade and Industry announced yesterday.

The rise in prices affects goods not yet manufactured. Goods at present on the shelves will be sold at prevailing prices, it was said.

ORDER FOR 1,500,000 ISRAELI FOOD TINS

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Orders for 1,500,000 tins of vegetables and fruit preserves have been received from the U.S. by local manufacturers, it was learned here today.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM
9-1: 2-5: Newly Acquired Buildings, Water Colours, Oils by noted Israeli Artists; Salfra's Art Gallery, 27 Jaffa Road.
9-1: 2-5: Prints from the Eliel Collection; also other recent acquisitions; Exhibition of the Month, Hershkowitz, 27 Jaffa Road.
10-1: 4-7: Exhibition of Water Colours and Paints by Muriel Ben-Zvi; Zalkin-Herrmann Studio, 41 Rothschild Blvd.
7-9: 2-5 p.m.: "Crossword," Li-La-Le Theatre; Yasha Haimovitch Hall.
8-10 p.m.: "Tartuffe," Chamber Theatre; Moshebi Hall, Haifa.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: Malaya. Also today at 10.30 p.m.
EDEN: Secret Fury.
ORION: Slattery's Hurricane.
NEMADAR: Lela Bint el Madare.
At 3.30 & 8.30 p.m.
STUDIO: Somewhere in Europe.
ZION: Rope of Sand.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justice Olshan, Chechik and Agranat (HC 54/50) Abulafia v. Abulafia. (CA 76/50) Legal Advisor v. S. Gumburg and others (reg. P.O. 123). (CA 77/50) M. Arousi v. Legal Advisor.

WANTED ORGANIZER

for administrative position, in countrywide medical and social institution. Must have medical education or experience in social and organizing work. Applications to: P.O.B. 35, HAKIRYA.

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BATES in only 50¢
Up to ten words 250 750 1,250
Additional 5 words 100 250 400
Additional 10 words 200 500 750
Not exceeding ten words 250 500
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Bates rates for business firms

DWELLINGS - SHOPS - OFFICES

GOVERNMENT officer seeks furnished room, preferably Tel Aviv or vicinity. P.O.B. 123, Tel Aviv.
ENGLISH speaking young man seeks room in Tel Aviv. Write Mr. 14598, P.O.B. 1123, Tel Aviv.

HOTELS - PENSIONS

NOTICE: Service Tiberias. Vacation arrangements. Booking through: Max Secher, Rothschild Blvd., corner Yarkon St., Tel Aviv (Newspaper Kiosk), Tel. 5087.

LESSONS

ENGLISH lessons by English-born graduate teacher, Berlitz, c/o Miller, 22 Keren Kayemet St., Jerusalem.
ENGLISH lessons by experienced teacher. Write Mr. 14580, P.O.B. 1123, Tel Aviv.

LOST - FOUND

LOST - German passport and military Reserve Book of Israel Defence Forces and money. Please return to Louis Schindler, Shimon-Or, Jerusalem, Haifa, Mariah 13/62.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

MUSIC sheets bought by Abileah - gramophone records bought by Abileah - pianos bought by Abileah - All kinds of musical instruments bought by Abileah, c/o Prophets Street, Haifa.

OPTICS - PHOTO

FOR CAMERAS and accessories highest prices paid. Photo Brenner, 31 Hahatza St., Haifa.

PURCHASE - SALE

FOR SALE: European modern dining room furniture, complete or single pieces. Write Mr. 12311, P.O.B. 1123, Tel Aviv.

TEL AVIV

DEC. 19. Buyers Sellers

Government Loans 991 1000
2% due 31.12.53 991 1000
Post. 4-8 (11.20) 991 1000
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Nahariya	52	54	57	58
Be'er Sheva	52	54	57	58
Lod	52	54	57	58
Jerusalem	52	54	57	58

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with scattered showers.

A) Humidity at 5 p.m. yesterday.

B) Minimum temp. yesterday.

C) Maximum temp. yesterday.

D) Maximum temp. expected today.

1,292 IMMIGRANTS

from Rumania are expected to arrive in the s.s. Transilvania tomorrow.

For making use of her sister's ration book after she had left the country last year, Mrs. Z. Feigenbaum of Tel Aviv was fined IL 100 by the Anti-Profitting Tribunal yesterday.

For failing to submit an account of his textile stocks, Ephraim Sokolovsky of 23 Rehov Ma'ach, Jerusalem, was fined IL 250 yesterday by the Anti-Profitting Tribunal.

The goods were not confiscated. First persons accused of alleged black market dealings were arrested in the Jerusalem area yesterday.

A collection of 1,000,000 postage stamps of Far Eastern countries has been presented to the Jewish National Fund by Mr. Yacov Ziskind, a veteran Zionist, and former resident of Harbin.

Seven armed men held up a villager of Kfar Makr, Western Galilee, late Monday night, and robbed him of IL 300 in cash watches and clothing.

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Gov't Offer to Citrus Growers Due Today

By Vic Forstein, POST Staff Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The citrus problem remained unresolved today, pending the expected Government decision tomorrow. The industry's final demands were presented to the Government at yesterday's meeting of the Citrus Marketing Board.

Separate demands by the Histadrut and private growers of the industry were made when the factions could not agree on a united formula. The private farmers, replying today to the Histadrut growers' statements of yesterday, said that the demands of both factions were essentially the same. The Farmers' Federation, in the name of the private growers, stressed that growers could not exist under present conditions, and that subsidies, not loans, were required.

The IL-ten given by the Government so far were all in the form of loans which the growers would be unable to repay.

Small Producers

At their last meeting, the Histadrut growers concurred with the figures presented and agreed in principle with the demands. The main disagreement between the two sectors, the Federation stated, is the opinion of the Histadrut group that grows less than 40 to 50 dunams in size, and of producing less than 70 to 80 cases per dunam, have no place in the country's economy.

Since 50 per cent of the grove are small ones, and the average yield per dunam for over 50 per cent of the groves was 40 cases, the private owners could not agree with the Histadrut, the statement said.

Since the industry is now in a poor condition, after years of neglect, the answer is to revive it to its former productivity, rather than to eliminate large sectors which are at present inefficient. Such revival requires additional help from the Government, the Federation said.

The private sector is willing to wait for an estimate of the subsidies required until after the first harvest, the statement said. But they demand a guarantee against loss, and ask that the Government be obligated to allow for reimbursement in improving the groves.

The work stoppage is now in its second week. The groves do not intend to resume picking and packing under the present "impossible" conditions, the statement concluded.

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Key Ministry Takes In J'nan Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Further meetings of the Ministry of the Interior are scheduled to be held today in Jerusalem, in an effort to iron out differences among the four factions.

Inconclusive sessions were held yesterday at Beth Ma'ar and at the Knesset. It was learned that the two chief points under discussion were whether the Bloc should throw its weight behind the party of the Right or Left, and whether to absorb a second date for the election of the Bloc.

One group still maintains that the Bloc need not support either side, and that it is possible to form a common front with the General Zionists, Mapai-Mapam and the Progressives.

Such a coalition would probably result in the re-election of the incumbent, Mr. Daniel Auer, but Mapai and Mapam reportedly would oppose a line up with the General Zionists.

The two leading candidates of the Bloc continue to be Mr. Z. Shragal and Mr. M. Glickman-Forush, with the former still enjoying the greatest backing.

It also is reported that Mayor Auer, who is both a member of the new Municipal Council for Sunday, has met leaders of the various parties and is said to have secured their support. But the Bloc's election is expected to occur a later date. The Bloc is expected to meet other party leaders today to determine a meeting date.

MAN'S WOUND A MYSTERY

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Late strollers along the seashore this evening found a semi-conscious man opposite the Kagle Dan Hotel. He was taken by Magen David Adom ambulance to hospital where he was operated upon.

Before becoming unconscious, the man, Haim Harari, 44, of Rehov Rokach here, is reported to have muttered that he had been holding something in his hand when it blew up. After the operation hospital personnel said they could not state whether the man had been injured by a bullet, a knife, or by an explosion.

No weapon was found near the man. The police are investigating.

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Neger Camp For Sdum Road Workers

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A group of engineers and Public Works Department foremen left here today for the Neger to make final arrangements for the establishment there of a camp to house about 500 laborers.

They are to be employed on building the road linking Be'er Sheva with the port works at Sdum, at the southern end of the Dead Sea. The construction work is expected to take about a year.

While in the camp, the laborers will have all their personal needs supplied by the P.W.D.

Sdum Agnon Win Blalik Prizes

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Professor Moshe Zvi Segal, of the Hebrew University, and Mr. S. I. Agnon, the novelist, were tonight awarded the Blalik Prize for Hebrew studies and Hebrew literature.

The ceremony was opened by Dr. M. Cohen, representing Mayor I. Rokach, who was at the Knesset.

Prof. Segal received the prize for his "Introduction to the Scriptures," published by Kiryat Sefer, Mr. Agnon received it for a revised edition of "A Guest for the Night," forming volume six in his collected works, published by Schocken.

Prof. Kanner greeted the winners, who are both his neighbors in Tel Aviv.

The ceremony took place in the Beit Blalik Museum. Here, for the first time, most of the new Municipal Council members met for the first time since they had been elected. The fact that the chairman was Dr. Cohen, who headed the Haruf list in Tel Aviv, was taken to mean that he will be Vice-Mayor in the new Council.

The Israel Motorcycle Club, which was formed recently, has set up a temporary office at the Pessach Cafe, Rehov Yarné, Tel Aviv.

Tino Rossi Given Visa

An entry visa will be granted Mr. Tino Rossi, the French singer, the Ministry of Immigration announced yesterday. This was decided after considerable delay which involved the investigation of his past associations, it was said.

Mr. Rossi had been accused in some quarters of collaboration with the Nazis during the occupation period in France.

The Minister of Immigration, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, explained to a Jerusalem Post correspondent that Mr. Rossi had been charged as a collaborator by the French because he had given concerts under the Vichy regime. He had not been a collaborator in the sense that he had been connected with war atrocities.

Normally, Mr. Shapiro said, this would have sufficed to bar him. But a visa had already been issued for Mr. Rossi by the Haifa branch of the Ministry of Immigration without reference to headquarters. Furthermore, the Ministry of Education had already approved his performance. Thousands of pounds had been invested by the agents in the scheduled tour.

These extenuating circumstances had influenced the Ministry to permit Mr. Rossi's entry, he said.

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2 Ex-C-in-C's Testify At Egyptian Trial

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter).

Two ex-commanders-in-chief of the Egyptian forces in Palestine gave evidence for the defense today in the trial here of 33 Moslem Brotherhood youths charged with outrages in Cairo during the Arab-Israeli war.

The charges were under the headings of an attempt to seize power by force of arms; political assassinations; exposing the lives of the people to danger; and criminal complicity.

23 Advocates

Defending the accused were 23 of Egypt's prominent lawyers. The two ex-commanders (General Ahmed Mawawi, Bey and Gen. Fouad Sedek Pasha), both placed on pension after the recent "army purge," testified to the courage and heroism of Moslem Brotherhood volunteers during the Palestine campaign.

They found these volunteers "most useful and successful in several battles."

Mawawi Bey said that the Egyptian regular forces often called on members of the Moslem Brotherhood for help, especially in mine detecting work and for special demolition missions in the Neger.

Sedek Pasha said he was unaware of any plan by the Brotherhood to disarm Moslem Brotherhood forces after the declaration of their organization.

General for the defense Taher El Khazab Bey also claimed that the Moslem Brotherhood rendered ardent service to the Arab cause and deserved the praise of the entire Egyptian nation.

Koch Did 'Strip Tease'—Then Whipped Onlookers

AUGSBURG, Tuesday (Reuter). — Ise Koch, red-haired "bitch of Buchenwald," used to do exercises on the balcony of her house in the nude and with a notebook at her side to take the names of prisoners who looked. Those she noted were regularly called out at roll-call and given 25 strokes with a heavy stick.

Theodor Elsieff, 50, made this statement today when her trial was resumed here.

Koch was absent again from court today and court doctors recommended that she should not reappear before the end of the month.

"She is still simulating madness, but has not had enough experience in it to do it well," one doctor said.

Dr. Fred Seidl, Koch's counsel, today asked the court to disregard the evidence of Friedrich Wiedner, who said last week that Koch had had three prisoners buried up to the neck and then encouraged Nazi SS-men to kick their heads.

Wiedner had several convictions against him, he said, and was now facing charges of defrauding his own family.

Earlier, Dr. Hans Lackner, an Austrian police inspector, said Koch often came to watch some 24 Poles dying of hunger and cold in a three-meter square barred wire cage in Buchenwald in November, 1938.

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Wednesday, December 26, 1956
Trove 11, 1711, Bala Awa 10, 1712

It is no exaggeration to say that Israel is relieved to have its Prime Minister back home. Both those prepared to believe that statesmen, much as other people, take holidays when they need them, and those who insist that, all evidence to the contrary, a holiday must be the cover for secret negotiations, have joined during the past three weeks in a feeling of uneasy bereftness. In some this has expressed itself in plain resentment that a Prime Minister should disappear so unceremoniously, and the public learn of his absence and destination only from foreign papers; for others, and this applies also to the Jewish community in Britain, Mr. Ben Gurion, in all that he has come to mean for Israel, has also become a part of themselves, and therefore the object of a lively and sometimes unbridled interest that is not to be discouraged by any desire for privacy on his part. To play such a part in a nation's consciousness is a privilege, though no doubt it is also a personal burden to a statesman more concerned with a task to be carried out than with the playing of a circumscribed role.

Crisis preceded Mr. Ben Gurion's holiday, and crisis may still follow it. There is no saying today whether time will show that he needed a rest more in order to recuperate from the strain of recent weeks, or to prepare for the dark days that may be ahead. All Israel hopes that world peace, however shaky, will survive and prays that the country's representatives at Lake Success may contribute towards the resolving of the ominous tangle in the Far East. At the same time the country is facing a possible war, not only alone but closely hemmed in by hostile neighbours, and with financial problems that would become critical as world supplies dwindle.

There is scope today for planning that is far-seeing and courageous, and free of that dangerous optimism that puts its trust in miracles. It is good, therefore, to know that the Prime Minister is back at work, and that the world situation permitted him to enjoy undisturbed the holiday whose informal character has caused such flutterings in the dovescotes here and in London; but whose "extravagance" was of the purely personal nature of the man who prefers a Greek ruin and an Oxford bookshop to a conventional watering place.

The sensibilities of the season are upon us. Queues, which formerly sprouted from the doorways of provision shops, now droop from the doctor's consulting rooms. Rain and cold have turned us almost overnight into a nation of hypochondriacs, and we mechanically proffer our hand for the prescription which will mean strengthening pills or liquid life-preserver. It is just as well that we cannot read the prescriptions. The safe-guard of the doctor's good name, so that when he writes down the chemical formula for "Wishy-washy pink water for a frightened old sinner who thinks she has rheumatism," there can be no irate comeback from an infuriated, amou-ropose, "imitation sleeping pills for a corpulent customer who sleeps too much anyway" ways do their job, as does the pink water.

It is the psychological effect of feeling that something is being done for our real or imagined ailments which work wonders in our minds, and so in our bodies. Thus, at least one luxury remains for circumscribed Israelis. They can enjoy a mild coupon, without the loss of a small coupon, and the desolate feeling that they may not be ill again till next year!

Little Choice For Soviet Municipalities

By A Special Correspondent

AN unmistakable swing to the right has marked recent municipal elections in the United States, Israel and elsewhere; it is unlikely, to put it mildly, that the municipal elections being held this week in the Soviet Union will show a similar trend.

For many weeks the Soviet press and radio have dedicated most of their space and time to the preparations of the elections to the provincial, district, town and village Soviets. The procedure of putting up candidates is somewhat more complicated than in the western world. Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin is invariably the first candidate in every municipality and local council, then follow some of his prominent colleagues, and finally a few local people. This is the time honoured and unavoidable ritual; only at a later stage the real business begins. Stalin and his colleagues are overworked men anyway, and it would be physically impossible for them to take part in the discussion on the establishment of a new sewage system in Nishne-Tagil or the provision of milk to school children in Archangel.

The instructions for the holding of the elections are detailed and clear, nothing has been forgotten by the Central Election Committee: 130 special articles prescribe what should be done on election day. Candidates have to inform the commission not only of their age but also as to which political party (if) they belong, and article 130 states, *expresso verbis*, that everybody attempting to falsify the results of the elections will be liable to imprisonment for up to three years!

A State Secret

The exact number of Soviets to be elected during the forthcoming elections is not known; this figure, as most others, is considered a state secret. But even a raw estimate shows that there must be tens of thousands: There are about 150 provinces in the Soviet-Union (Oblast, Krai and Autonomous Republics), every province is divided into several districts (rayon) and every district is again subdivided and elects its own institutions. Finally there are a few thousand towns Soviets and several thousand village Soviets to be elected. Among the provinces there are not a few "gigants," the area of Chabarovsk province being somewhat larger than the whole of Western and Southern Europe, while the population of such provinces as Moscow, Leningrad etc. exceeds the number of inhabitants of countries like Bulgaria and Hungary.

MUSICAL DIARY

RUTH Bergner's Dance Recital, sponsored by "Navit" at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, proved that it requires a stronger personality to maintain the interest of an audience. Miss Bergner has a certain charm and grace, and stylish costumes for her Hasidic types, especially the delicate Yeshiva bachur. She possesses expressive hand- and arm-movements. But Hasidic characters are not such a novelty and after all they seemed less authentic than the same impersonation by the Jerusalem dancer, Elsa Dublon. It was a risky undertaking after Uday Shai-Kar's incomparable Hindu-ballet to perform Indian Dances. Witnessing her head movements and Oriental dances, like the Chinese Statue, it seemed to the Parisian guest's disadvantage that we have for comparison in Israel such an extraordinary artist as the Yemenite dancer Rachel Nadav; even the Horra at the end was not sensational to us. Uri Sternberg did well at the piano.

Kol Israel broadcast last Wednesday a sonata for cello and piano by Harriet Bosmans, heterogeneous in style, like a blend of Rachmaninoff, Grieg and Brahms, though not so easy to perform. Thelma Yellin was excellent in this unrewarding job, whilst Elisheva Junovitz provided the piano part. It was a pleasure to listen again on Monday to the fine pianist Miriam Bar-Mandelbrod in a Bach-Brahms- Chopin programme, performed with faulness technique, distinguished musicianship, and deep feeling.

FRANCO Israel Professor for Salzburg Professor Leo Kestenberg, the noted Israel musicologist and educator, has been invited by the Salzburg Mozarteum to open the International Congress for Music Education which will be held at the same time as the next Salzburg Music Festival, between July 20 and August 31, 1957. Professor Kestenberg accepted the invitation. No resolution has yet been taken on Israel's participation in the festival itself which will include an International Choir "Olympiade."

Abroad DURING her concert tour of Turkey, Pina Salzman gave a recital for the benefit of Turkish refugees from Bulgaria. Israel's Minister to Ankara, Mr. A. Sassoon, received a letter from Mr. Fuad Kofrolo, Turkish Minister of Defence, expressing the Government's "thanks for the fine concert," adding, "we all appreciate this gesture."

Registration for the Graduate Extension Courses for Engineers and Architects is being held at the Technion, Room 28, every Sunday and Tuesday, from 5.30 to 7 p.m. Applicants are requested to register by December 25. Haifa, Dec. 17.

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The real bosses in the provinces are of course not the local Soviets, but the party secretaries, who are appointed from Moscow. Their names are seldom made public, and it is a matter of painstaking research to obtain a full list of the 150-odd party secretaries. An analysis of such a list shows that most of the provincial secretaries are not local people, which demonstrates that the interests of the state are considered the most important factor. Incidentally it should be noted that among the 150 "party generals" in the province there is no Jew (which is not particularly surprising in view of recent developments in the Soviet Union) and only a single woman (as party secretary of Mohilev province).

The relations between the province Soviets and the party secretary are not unlike the relations between the Soviet government and the Politburo, the former being mainly executive organs. There does exist a certain amount of autonomy for the provincial and local Soviets, but only in the sphere of the more technical and specialized municipal affairs.

Readers' Letters

HEIFETZ RETURNING

To the Editor of The Post Sir, — Dr. Koussevitzky was quoted in your columns as follows:

It is not fair to have such a wonderful orchestra with such poor halls. You know Jascha Heifetz — the world's greatest violinist — told me that he wouldn't play in Israel again until they build a good hall. It is true I do hope a new and larger hall will be built in the near future, in order to avoid repeating so many performances of the same programme. However, I did not make the statement attributed to me by Dr. Koussevitzky.

New hall or not, I am looking forward to a return visit to Israel in 1957. Yours etc. JASCHA HEIFETZ New York.

WEATHER-WISE

To the Editor of The Post Sir, — Under the heading "Heat and Health" you published two letters, one from Mr. D. Eisler and one from the Director of the Meteorological Service.

Mr. Eisler stated that though the temperature this summer did not differ much this year from previous years, yet he contended, the public complained of the heat this year more than usual. He attributed this to under-nourishment. The Meteorological Service indicated that the relatively high humidity at certain periods (which produces what climatologists call a high "effective" temperature) and the late start of the summer.

Yours etc. H. TABOR Jerusalem.

WAGES AND HOMES

To the Editor of The Post Sir, — Your paper reports today the following news:

1. One room per family of up to four members will remain the standard building plan for the coming three years... averaging 33 metres (for new-comers). 2. Workers on the Tel Aviv and Jaffa Port have decided to stage a protest strike... asked for 250 pruta per day supplement... improvements in social conditions etc... What about the beautiful 3-roomed flats that the port workers are erecting for themselves in the northern parts of Tel Aviv?

Yours etc. ZEV BAIREY, MGR. "Vulcan" Battery Works Haifa, November 29.

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KILOMETRE 78 SURVEY BEGINS



Delegations from Israel and Jordan began a survey of the border along the Elath road yesterday. Above from left to right, are: Bar-Sera A. Adelman, Israel member of the M.A.C. Major Nadek Boy Shai's, Jordan Military Adviser, Capt. J. Joffe of the U.N. Mr. Gordon Walpole, Director of Lands and Forestry in the Jordan Government, and Dr. W. Stern, Deputy Director of Israel's Hydrological Service. Below, an Israeli armoured "half-track" stands by on the disputed road, as the delegations assemble around a U.N. jeep.

Photos by Schlesinger

themselves in the northern parts of Tel Aviv?

They have been erected with loans from public institutions and high key-money was taken for the old flats. Have such people the right to demand higher wages, when our brethren in the camps have to wait and wait for one room for four people and their employment is, at the most, three days a week?

Yours etc. S. RABINOWITZ Tel Aviv, December 17.

OLD BATTERIES

To the Editor of The Post Sir, — With reference to Mr. M. Shavit's letter published in your columns on November 29, please be advised that all our agencies have been instructed to pay 350 or 450 pruta a piece (according to size) for old automobile batteries traded for new ones. If Mr. Shavit's supplier failed to offer this refund he violated a specific order of ours.

To the manufacturer, the cash value of a used battery is very small indeed. It does, however, contain raw materials which enable us to continue supplying our customers in these days of shortages. Any rise in the price of these materials would affect the consumer, only serving to further an inflation which we are trying to stave off.

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CHURCHILL'S MEMOIRS

Plans for Post-War Unity

A VERY stern mood developed in Washington, during the "Trident" conference of May, 1943, about de Gaulle. Not a day passed that the President did not mention the subject to me. Although this was done in a most friendly and often jocular manner, I saw he felt very strongly indeed upon it.

Almost every day he handed me one or more accusing documents against de Gaulle from the State Department or the American Secret Service. De Gaulle was alleged to have used British money to offer inducements to the author of the Richeleu to come over to him personally. Only politeness prevented our hosts from suggesting that our financial relations with the United States made it in a certain sense almost American money.

I was at this time most indignant with de Gaulle. I felt that our continued support of him might lead to an estrangement between the British and United States Governments, and that no one would like this better than de Gaulle.

It hung in the balance whether we should not break finally at this juncture with this difficult man. However, time and patience afforded tolerable solutions.

Post-War Plans

On May 22 I had an important conversation on the structure of a post-war settlement at lunch at the British Embassy. The Vice-President, Mr. Wallace, the Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson; the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ickes; the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, Senator Connally; and the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, were invited and apprised of the topic beforehand. The Embassy staff kept a full record of what passed and of the statement which I made at the formally expressed desire of our guests.

I said that the first preoccupation must be to prevent further aggression in the future by Germany or Japan. To this end I contemplated an association of the United States, Great Britain and Russia. If the United States wished to include China in an association with the other three, I was perfectly willing that this should be done; but, however great the importance of China, she was not comparable to the others.

On these Powers would rest the real responsibility for peace. They, together with certain other Powers, should form a Supreme World Council. Subordinate to this World Council there should be three Regional Councils, one for Europe, one for the American Hemisphere, and one for the Pacific.

As for Europe, I thought that after the war it might consist of some 12 States or Confederations, who would form the Regional European Council. It was important to recreate a strong France, for the prospect of having no strong country on the map between England and Russia was not attractive.

Moreover, I said that I could easily foresee the United States being able to keep large numbers of men indefinitely on guard in Europe. Great Britain could not do so either. No doubt it would be necessary for the United States to be associated in some way in the policing of Europe, in which Great Britain would obviously also have to take part.

I also hoped that in South-Eastern Europe there might be several confederations — a Danubian Federation based on Vienna and doing something to fill the gap caused by the disappearance of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Bavaria might join this group. Then there should be a Balkan Federation.

I said that I would like to see Prussia divided from the rest of Germany, 40m. Prussians being a manageable European unit. Many people wished to carry the process of division further and divide Prussia itself into component parts, but on this I reserved judgment. Poland and Czechoslovakia should stand together in friendly relations with Russia. This left the Scandinavian countries and Turkey, which last might or might not be willing, with Greece, to play some part in the Balkan system.

Regional Council Plan

Each of the dozen or so of the European countries should appoint a representative to the European Regional Council.

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thus creating a form of United States of Europe. I thought Count Coudenhove-Kalergi's ideas on this subject had much to recommend them.

Similarly, there might be a Regional Council for the Americas, of which Canada would naturally be a member and would represent the British Commonwealth. There should also be a Regional Council for the Pacific, in which I supposed that Russia would participate. When the pressure on her western frontiers had been relieved Russia would turn her attention to the Far East.

These Regional Councils should be subordinate to the World Council. The members of the World Council should sit on the Regional Councils in which they were directly interested, and I hoped that in addition to being represented on the American Regional Council and the Pacific Regional Council the United States would also be represented on the European Regional Council.

However this might be, the last word would remain with the Supreme World Council, since any issues that the Regional Councils were unable to settle would automatically be of interest to the World Council.

Peace by Force

Mr. Wallace thought that the other countries would not agree that the World Council should consist of the four major Powers alone. I agreed, and said that to the four Powers should be added